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THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF REMARKS MADE BY TURKISH OPPOSITION

LEADER BULENT ECEVIT TO THE PRESS IN WASHINGTON JULY 29

FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AT THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

BEGIN TEXT: TODAY IN THE MORNING I HAD AN HOUR LONG MEET-
ING WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND IN THE AFTERNOON WITH MY OLD
FRIEND DR. KISSINGER. THOSE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN VERY USEFUL
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AND VERY FRIENDLY. WE HAVE ALWAYS REALIZED THAT THE

AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION HAS SHOWN UNDERSTANDING TO THE PROBLEMS OF TURKEY, AND I HAVE NOTICED THE SINCERITY IN BOTH THE PRESIDENT'S AND DR. KISSINGER'S OFTEN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CONTINUING FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES. I HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY PARTY'S VIEWS AND THE GENERAL TURKISH PEOPLES' VIEWS ON VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF CONCERN TO US. I HAVE STATED THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT WE ATTRIBUTE TO CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND TURKEY. I HAVE ALSO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR VIEWS ON THE VITAL PROBLEMS THAT EXIST BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE. IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT

WE ARE NEIGHBORS AND WE ARE ALLIES OF THE SAME COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM, UNFORTUNATELY TURKEY AND GREECE HAVE BEEN IN CONFLICT FOR A LONG TIME. AN EXAMINATION OF RECENT HISTORY SHOWS THAT WHENEVER GREECE FELT ABLE TO RELY UPON WESTERN SUPPORT IN HER RELATIONS WITH TURKEY OR IN HER CLAIMS AGAINST TURKEY, THERE HAS BEEN A CONFLICT BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE. BUT WHENEVER THE TWO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WITH MANY HISTORIC BONDS WERE LEFT TO THEMSELVES TO SETTLE THEIR OWN DISPUTES, THEY WERE ABLE TO DO SO WITH ASTONISHING SPEED AND SUCCESS AS HAPPENED, INDEED, RIGHT AFTER THE TURK-GREEK WAR OF THE '20'S, WHEN ATATURK AND VENEZELOS CAME TOGETHER AND WERE ABLE TO ESTABLISH EXCELLENT RELATIONS IN SPITE OF THE BITTER MEMORIES OF A LONG WAR. THEN AGAIN, AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR, WHEN THE WEST WAS BUSY TENDING THEIR OWN WOUNDS, THE TURKS AND GREEKS CAME TOGETHER AND WERE ABLE TO ESTABLISH EXCELLENT RELATIONS. SO I THINK THAT IF OUR COMMON FRIENDS IN THE WEST DID NOT INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN TURK OR GREEK CONFLICTS, THE TWO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO COME TOGETHER TO SETTLE ALL THEIR DISPUTES IN A FRIENDLY AND EQUITABLE MANNER. IN MY TALKS, I SAID THAT THE AEGEAN IS A VERY VITAL ISSUE BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE. FOR SOME TIME, GREECE HAS BEEN LAYING CLAIM TO ALL THE SEA SPACE, AIR SPACE AND THE SEA BEDS OF THE AEGEAN SEA. YET, OBVIOUSLY, THE AEGEAN IS A JOINT SEA BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE, AND IT SHOULD BE A SEA OF COOPERATION, RATHER THAN OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. IT IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE TURKISH NATION TO ALLOW THE GREEKS TO LAY CLAIMS TO DECLARE SOVEREIGNTY RIGHTS OVER THE WHOLE SEA BED AND THE AIR SPACE OF THE AEGEAN. AND I HAVE TOLD THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE IN OUR TALKS TODAY THAT THE BEST SOLUTION OR THE BEST WAY TO REACH A SOLUTION ON THE AEGEAN WOULD BE FOR THE TWO COUNTRIES TO COME TOGETHER AND NEGOTIATE THE AEGEAN PROBLEM AT A HIGH LEVEL. AND I HAVE STRONG HOPES THAT IF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS

ARE STARTED, THEY MAY HAVE POSITIVE REFLECTIONS OVER THE
CYPRUS QUESTION AS WELL.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. END OF TEXT. KISSINGER

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